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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

PREPARED FOOD PHOTOS, INC.
f/k/a ADLIFE MARKETING &
COMMUNICATIONS CO., INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

POOL WORLD, INC.,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 2:23-cv-00160-TOR

**PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR CASE
TO BE STAYED AND REFERRED
TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

Plaintiff Prepared Food Photos, Inc. f/k/a Adlife Marketing &
Communications Co., Inc. (“Plaintiff”) hereby files this motion for the case to be

1 referred to a Magistrate Judge for Settlement Conference with defendant Pool
2 World, Inc. (“Defendant”), and hereby states as follows:

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4 1. On June 2, 2023, Plaintiff filed its Complaint. See ECF No. 1.

5 2. Defendant filed its Answer on June 26, 2023. See ECF No. 7.

6 3. To date, the parties have exchanged numerous rounds of discovery,
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8 filed multiple motions with the Court, and have disclosed that they both intend to
9 take multiple depositions.

10 4. While the parties have been unable to resolve the matter themselves,
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12 Plaintiff has suggested the parties consider mediation/settlement conference with
13 a magistrate before both sides incur the time and expense of numerous
14 depositions, and prior to moving into summary judgment motions.

15 5. Pursuant to LCivR 16(a)(5)(C), “[i]n selected cases, the presiding
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17 judge may refer matters for mediation to a magistrate judge, a district judge, or a
18 bankruptcy judge designated by the Court.”

19 6. Courts in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of
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21 Washington have previously stayed cases and referred the matters to a Magistrate
22 Judge to conduct a settlement conference. See Swisher v. JP Morgan Chase Bank,
23 No. 11-CV-5105-TOR, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 176922 (E.D. Wash. Dec. 13,
24 2012); see also Hubbard v. Corp. of Gonzaga Univ., No. CV-13-0072-LRS, 2014
25 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 41453 (E.D. Wash. Mar. 26, 2014).

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13 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

14 I hereby certify that on February 23, 2024, I electronically filed the
15 foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF, which will
16 electronically serve all counsel of record.
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